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RURAL WOMEN READ BOOKS

Daisy Deane Williamson, the State home demonstration leader for New Hampshire, is responsible for a "Self-Improvement Reading Course" which is unique because it requires no regulation "book reports."

Miss Williamson says the reason for this is that "the whole project was planned to provide recreation, to get women away from pots, pans, brooms, mops, meals, and such things and allow them to travel to the ends of the earth, to live in a different atmosphere, to be someone else in fancy, though they never stirred from their own firesides. These results are so worth while and do such fine things for one's outlook on life that I'd be cruel indeed to say to the women, 'Now, what did you get out of the book?'"

The Self-Improvement Reading Course was started in 1935 with the cooperation of the State extension service and the Public Library Commission. Each county home demonstration agent was given one or two sets of 13 books which she kept in circulation. Women who enrolled in the reading course selected 6 books which they were expected to finish before completing the course.

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The home reading project in New Hampshire is only one of many that have been reported by State extension services during the past few years, _____ says. In some States "bookmobiles" are carrying small libraries in the rural areas to even the remotest homes.

There is a publication of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which describes many different types of library service, such as State extension, traveling and direct-mail libraries; village, municipal, school-district, township, community, and county libraries. It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 1559, "Rural Libraries."

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